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## Reports

### Item#1

America's Most Committed Muslim Ally. Strategic Studies Institute. W. Andrew Terrill. November 2010.

On December 30, 2009, a young captain and military intelligence expert was murdered in Khost, Afghanistan, by an al Qaeda suicide bomber. He died along with seven comrades from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in a covert operation gone terribly wrong. After his death was announced, the officer was described as a hero throughout his country, and the head of state was among the mourners at his funeral. His name was Sharif Ali bin Zaid, and he was a Jordanian and a Muslim. In considering his case, such bravery and commitment can hardly come as a surprise. Even before 9/11, the United States and Jordan were cooperating in the struggle against al Qaeda, and a senior Jordanian intelligence official is thanked by name in former CIA Director George Tenet's memoirs for such cooperation. Somehow in the rage over the New York Mosque and Cultural Center, many of America's Muslim allies have been forgotten. Jordan is an especially important case.

Full Text:

<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/display.cfm?pubID=1031> [HTML format with a link].

### Item#2

ENERGY PREDICTIONS 2011. Deloitte. October 19, 2010.

Even as the recession begins to subside, the energy sector is still likely to experience challenging conditions as we enter 2011. It should be remembered how very important a role energy plays in driving the global economy, according to the report. Serving as a simple yet global and unified measure of economic recovery, it is oil's price range and the strength and sustainability of the recovery which will impact the ways in which all forms of energy are produced and consumed.

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[http://www.deloitte.com/assets/Dcom-Global/Local%20Assets/Documents/Energy\\_Resources/6810A\\_EnergyPredict10\\_sm5.pdf](http://www.deloitte.com/assets/Dcom-Global/Local%20Assets/Documents/Energy_Resources/6810A_EnergyPredict10_sm5.pdf) [PDF format, 16 pages].

### Item#3

GETTING RICH ON UNCLE SUCKER: SHOULD THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STRENGTHEN EFFORTS TO FIGHT PROFITEERING? Center for American Progress. Scott Lilly. October 20, 2010.

Scott Lilly examines opportunities to reduce spending in government procurement.

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<http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/10/pdf/unclesucker.pdf> [PDF format, 26 pages].

#### Item#4

India and China Take Different Roads to World Leadership – Part I. YaleGlobal. Shyam Saran. November 1, 2010.

Many anticipate China and India, with their rapid rise to power through globalization, to adopt global leadership roles. Yet expectations that either nation will lead the way in resolving global problems may be too high and too premature, suggests the report. Historically a crossroads of culture, India adapts to globalization's modern forms, explains the author. As economic power shifts to Asia, the emerging powers have divided interests, juggling rapid growth and large global footprints with pockets of devastating poverty. Emerging powers like India have made strides in leading the developing world, at times acting in their best interests to counter attempts by industrial powers to impose global initiatives. But in other respects, India remains a “premature power” unable to provide the expected leadership. Failure to balance both global and domestic interests would only diminish India’s leadership capabilities.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/india-and-china-different-roads-part-i> [HTML format, various paging].

#### Item#5

India and China Take Different Roads to World Leadership – Part II. YaleGlobal. Frank Ching. November 1, 2010.

Modern global crises can strike with sudden force, quickly leap frogging borders. The world needs leaders to manage the response or better yet prevent problems in the first place. The report examines the potential of the world's two most populous nations as candidates for taking on global leadership roles. Ching analyzes new assertiveness from a competitive China, which recently surpassed Japan as the world's second largest economy. Increasingly peevisish about lectures from Western leaders, China often takes on a brash tone. Some evidence suggests Beijing may be attracted to a historical tributary relations model, forming links only with nations submissive to China's decisions, though Ching questions whether other nations are amenable to such a relationship.

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#### Item#6

INDIANS SEE THREAT FROM PAKISTAN, EXTREMIST GROUPS: AMERICA’S IMAGE REMAINS STRONG. Pew Research Center. October 20, 2010.

When President Barack Obama travels to India next month, he will visit a country in which both he and the nation he leads are broadly popular. More than seven-in-ten Indians have confidence in the American president and about two-thirds express a favorable opinion of the United States. Indians are also feeling positive about their own country's role in world affairs and they are optimistic about its economic future. Still, Indians believe their country faces a number of major challenges, including crime

and corruption. And nearly two years after the deadly Mumbai attacks, 81% say terrorism is a very big problem.

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<http://pewglobal.org/files/2010/10/Pew-Global-Attitudes-India-Report-FINAL-October-20-2010.pdf>  
[PDF format, 42 pages].

#### Item#7

Investing in Clean Energy: How to Maximize Clean Energy Deployment from International Climate Investments. Center for American Progress. November 4, 2010.

The study makes the case for public-private investment in the clean energy economy by identifying how much additional funding is needed to meet national energy targets in China, India, South Africa, and Nigeria and which financial instruments are likely to get support from the international community.

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[http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/11/pdf/gcnreport\\_nov2010.pdf](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/11/pdf/gcnreport_nov2010.pdf) [PDF format, 58 pages].

#### Item#8

The Latino Vote in the 2010 Elections. Pew Hispanic Center. Mark Hugo Lopez. November 3, 2010.

Tuesday's midterm elections were historic for Hispanics. For the first time ever, three Latino candidates—all of them Republicans—won top statewide offices. In New Mexico, voters elected the nation's first Latina governor, Republican Susana Martinez. In Nevada, Republican Brian Sandoval won the governor's race and became Nevada's first Hispanic governor. And in Florida, Republican Marco Rubio won the U.S. Senate race.

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<http://pewhispanic.org/files/reports/130.pdf> [PDF format, 12 pages].

#### Item#9

MEDICAL INNOVATION IN PERIL. American Enterprise Institute. Scott Gottlieb. October 18, 2010.

The creation of a robust biopharmaceutical and medical device industry is one of modern America's most noteworthy economic and technical achievements. Over the last several decades, advances in diagnostic tests, minimally invasive medical devices, biologics, and small-molecule drugs have improved survival and reduced the physical burdens of a host of maladies. The new health care law specifically targets reimbursement for new drugs and devices as a way to save money in programs like Medicare and Medicaid. These savings, in turn, are used to pay for new health coverage for the uninsured. But the legislation doesn't take down drug and medical device prices directly.

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<http://www.aei.org/paper/100154> [HTML format with a link].

#### Item#10

Religion in the 2010 Elections. Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. November 3, 2010.

Two of the largest religious groups in the electorate followed the same basic voting patterns in the 2010 elections for the U.S. House of Representatives as they have in prior elections: white Protestants voted overwhelmingly Republican and religiously unaffiliated voters cast their ballots overwhelmingly for Democrats. But Catholic voters, who had favored Democratic over Republican candidates by double-digit margins in the last two congressional elections, swung to the GOP in 2010. And within all three of these major religious groups, support for the Republican Party rose this year compared with 2006, matching or exceeding their levels of support for the GOP in any recent election.

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<http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1791/2010-midterm-elections-exit-poll-religion-vote> [HTML format, various paging].

#### Item#11

THE ROLE OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN DIPLOMACY. Brookings Institution. Stephen Grand and Durriya Badani. October 20, 2010.

Summing up key points discussed at the Religious Leaders Working Group during the 2010 U.S-Islamic World Forum, Stephen Grand and Durriya Badani explore the role of religious leaders as diplomats in trying to mitigate political conflicts based on religious differences.

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[http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/papers/2010/10\\_religious\\_leaders\\_grand/10\\_religious\\_leaders\\_grand.pdf](http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/papers/2010/10_religious_leaders_grand/10_religious_leaders_grand.pdf) [PDF format, 14 pages].

#### Item#12

Something Old and Something New? The European Perspective at the Seoul G-20 Summit. Center for Strategic & International Studies. Heather A. Conley. November 3, 2010.

Since the April 2009 G-20 gathering in London, Europeans have experienced a psychological roller coaster ride that began with the euphoria of President Barack Obama's first visit to Europe and ended abruptly a year later with the political and economic onslaught of the European sovereign debt crisis. Although great attempts were made to put a positive spin on emerging policy differences between the United States and Europe during the June G-20 Summit in Toronto, there is now a stark divide over how best to achieve economic growth while simultaneously implementing budget austerity—fueled by the

eclipse of Europe's historical economic and political preeminence in the international monetary system and the rise of the emerging economies.

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<http://csis.org/publication/something-old-and-something-new-european-perspective-seoul-g-20-summit> [HTML format, various paging].

#### Item#13

SURPRISING BUT TRUE, US EXPORTS ARE GROWING. YaleGlobal. Edward Gresser. October 20, 2010.

Global recession struck in late 2008, and high levels of personal and public debt complicated reviving the U.S. economy and consumer spending. Increasing exports is the fastest, most logical alternative for boosting economic growth and reducing unemployment. In January 2010, President Barack Obama set a goal of doubling the nation's exports in five years, and the nation is on track, selling vehicles, airplanes, agricultural goods around the globe. China, Japan, Mexico, Canada and the European Union account for more than 60 percent of U.S. exports. The U.S. can finalize trade agreements with Colombia, Panama and Korea; settle differences holding up the World Trade Organization's Doha Round; end the Cuban embargo. Industries and government can emphasize quality, streamline costs and prepare an educated workforce.

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